

**U-M PRANK:** John R. Hamilton, University of Michigan publications editor, rolls a giant die. The cube he pushes is a black four-sided revolving sculpture on the U-M's Ann Arbor campus which was transformed into a dice by pranksters. They attached cardboard pizza carton discs to the sculpture to turn it into a die. The University's new Administration Building is in background. New York sculptor Bernard Rosenthal designed and made the cube which was installed last December as a gift from the U-M Class of 1965 and Rosenthal. (AP Wirephoto).

## Harvard Students Vote For Three - Day Strike

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### Protest Police Violence

by Associated Press  
About 1,200 of Harvard University students have voted to strike for three days at the 15,000 student Ivy League school to protest police tactics in ending a campus sit-in. Some professors canceled today's classes.

Sit-ins and strikes beset other campuses around the country. The Harvard strike vote came Thursday in Memorial Church after some 400 helmeted policemen swarmed onto the campus earlier in the day to break up the sit-in, leaving 39 students injured and 197 arrested.

#### CONDEMN POLICE

The students debated for several hours before fixing the strike "to thoroughly condemn the bringing of police onto this campus, and the excessive use of violence while they were here."

About 150 students ran out of the meeting and raced through the Harvard Yard, shouting "Smash ROTC, no expansion" and "On Strike. Shut it down. Join us."

The sit-in on the Cambridge, Mass. campus had begun Wednesday to protest the Reserve Officers Training Corps

program and plans — denied by Harvard officials — to expand the medical school and displace local Negro residents. The sit-in was organized by Students for a Democratic Society.

Seven policemen and three



**DR. NATHAN PUSEY**  
Harvard prexy calls cops

nonstudents were also hurt in Thursday's melee.

In Stanford, Calif., about 600 students voted Thursday night to remain inside Stanford University's Applied Electronics Laboratory, where they had moved in Wednesday.

The students, who were protesting classified scientific research done for the armed forces in the lab, ignored a warning from school president Kenneth S. Pitzer that they were "violating university policies." Also unheeded was a plea by the student body president to end the sit-in.

#### LAB CLOSED

No violence was reported. The lab was shut Thursday, with few of its 150 employees showing up for work.

At Dartmouth, Mass., normal classroom activity ceased at Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute as students struck to protest the dismissal or demotion of six teachers "for lack of appropriate restraint in extracurricular activities."

Students at the Newark, N.J. branch of Rutgers University continued a week-old strike

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# CALLS FOR MEETING ON LAKE POISONING

## U.S. May Set Limit For DDT

### Could Cut Sales Of Coho Salmon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government was reported Thursday considering setting for the first time DDT tolerance levels for fish as a result of the recent discovery of dangerous levels of the pesticide in Coho Salmon in Lake Michigan.

It could have a major effect on barring from interstate commerce the salmon, which are being marketed for the first time after being introduced to the lake in recent years, and could affect the sport fishing in Lake Michigan, an official of the Health Education and Welfare Department said.

#### LOADED WITH DDT

The government last month seized 21,000 pounds of Coho salmon in the lake with DDT residue concentrations up to 19 parts per million.

Under consideration now is a tolerance level of 3.5 parts per million, but this may not be the figure imposed, said the official of the new Consumers Protection and Environmental Services.

But he said the figure was used at a discussion Thursday between officials of Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois, some Congressmen from the area and officials of the Agriculture, Interior and Welfare Departments.

Mike Kohn, public affairs assistant for Secretary of Welfare Robert H. Finch gathered the views for Finch, who must make the final decision on a safe level based on recommendations of the Food and Drug Administration.

The spokesman explained that 3.5 might be an "interim" tolerance level while a commission of the National Research Council studies the problem and recommends to the Food and Drug Administration a permanent safety level.

#### NEVER A PROBLEM

Fish has never had a level, the spokesman said, because DDT hadn't previously seemed a problem. In red beef and pork, the level is 7 parts per million, the spokesman said, and it varies for vegetables and for milk.

Sweden recently banned use of DDT because of concern about its danger to food and the spokesman said several American states are considering doing the same.

## Republicans Rap Kennedy

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy pressed on with his tour of Alaskan villages today minus the Republican members of his subcommittee, who left the group in a dispute over the purpose of the trip.

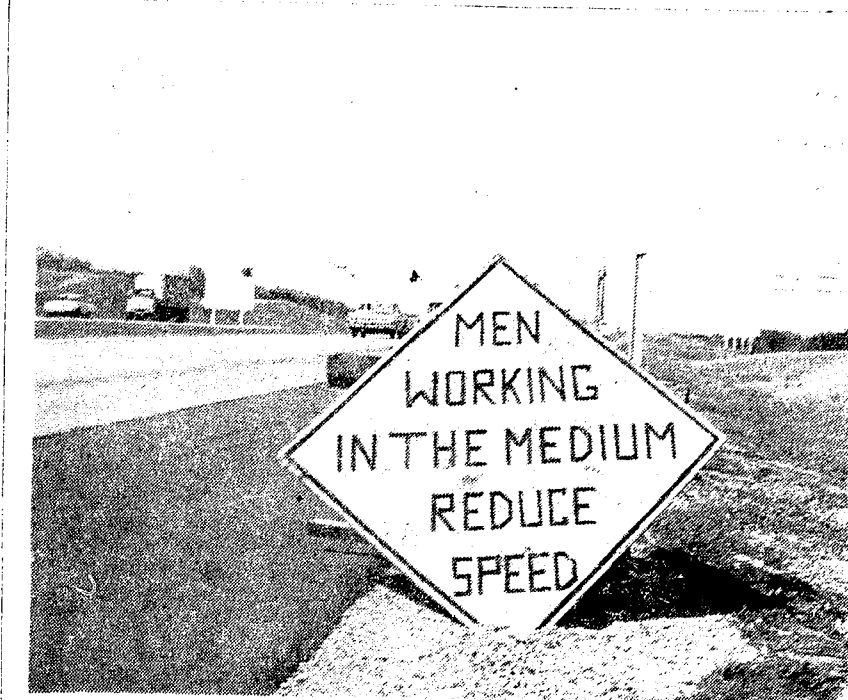
The Republicans split off Thursday, contending the tour was being stage managed with an eye to getting publicity.

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Tay Ninh to the northwest and Vinh Long to the southwest

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**THE IMPROPER 'MEDIUM':** Sign along I-94 west of Coloma gets its message across to motorists. But the sign painter neglected to consult a dictionary before lettering last word of the third line. What he said was that men were working in the dividing strip or median between the two double expressway lanes. Only sticklers for grammar probably noted the error as they sped along the freeway. The slow-down warning is for crew men building a protective framework along both shoulders and in median of I-94 beneath high voltage line which will link Consumers Power Co. nuclear generating plant in Covert township with midwest power network. (Photo by Marion Leedy).

## Coho Anglers Strike It Rich Off SJ Pier

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### Several Get Their Limit

By JOHN VANDEN HEED

Salmon fishermen's long wait appears over. Coho were being caught off St. Joseph's south pier this morning in numbers reminiscent of last spring's pre-season fishing bonanza.

"It's the best I've seen this year," reported Berrien

county conservation officer George Stuck after touring the piers in the early morning hours. "It compares to what I saw last year at the peak."

Stuck counted 50 to 55 anglers and "practically everyone had fish." At least three limits of five were taken off before 9 a.m. The coho are running at about three pounds each.

"They've had hot and cold spells all week but have done fair since Tuesday of last week," continued Stuck. "Most of the action until yesterday and today has been off the north pier. From what we've seen, that rain and warm weather has a lot to do with it. I notice the river water is going south today. It has been going north all the time before."

#### CHANGE IN BAIT

There is one dramatic change from a year ago, and that's in the fishing methods. Artificial baits were most popular last spring, but fishermen now find nightcrawlers strong four to six feet below bobbers work the best.

"They're losing a lot of fish out there," explained Stuck. "You've got to have the soft touch. Just tap it as soon as they take it under. They're much bigger fish

than they were catching last year."

Another significant difference from 1968 is that fish being caught today are coming from the lake side of the pier. Last spring, when the fish started hitting just before the April 1 opener, the harbor was jammed with ice and all of the action was in the river.

Coho moved all the way up the St. Joseph River to the Berrien Springs dam during that short spree which lasted until the ice moved out. Southwestern Michigan rivers are now open to year-around fishing, but so far salmon haven't moved up in large numbers.

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## Pesticide Control Is Sought

### Milliken Asks Conference Of Governors

LANSING (AP)—In an effort to speed up pesticide control in the Great Lakes, Gov. William G. Milliken phoned Wisconsin Gov. Warren Knowles Thursday night to arrange a five-state governor's conference to combat rising pesticide pollution.

In addition, he was expected today to sign an executive order creating an advisory council for environmental quality and urge them to give immediate attention to the matter. The council would include directors of the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Natural Resources and Public Health.

Milliken's action followed the Natural Resources Commission's request that the Legislature outlaw sale of DDT and dieldrin and appropriate funds to monitor pollution levels.

#### FISH SEIZED

The urgency of the problem apparently resulted from the discovery of high pesticide levels of Lake Michigan Coho salmon. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently seized several shipments of the fish.

High pesticide levels also have been discovered in fish taken from Lake Huron, said Wayne Tody, chief of the Natural Resources Department's fish division.

"A lot of Coho are going to be unfit to eat," warned Ralph MacMullan, director of the Natural Resources Department. "But people can still catch fish even if they're warned not to eat them."

Whether pesticides have dangerously poisoned inland lakes and fish has not been determined, MacMullan added. "People shouldn't panic — although we do have a problem," added Tody.

Pesticide levels in fish should drop during the summer, MacMullan said, adding that the department would continue planting Coho salmon.

"I'm very optimistic the Legislature can provide something to stiffen pesticide laws," MacMullan said.

"The continued use of DDT would be the most foolish thing that we could do," he said. "There's pretty unanimous agreement that DDT has got to go."

"The first thing that has to be done is for the federal agency to set a standard defining what level of pesticide content makes a fish unfit to eat," Tody said.

Fish caught in Lake Michigan, he said, have up to three parts per million of pesticides such as DDT and dieldrin. Those caught during their upstream spawning runs have had a content as high as 10 parts per million.

"It all depends on what level they set," Tody said. "It could range from anywhere up to 25 parts per million."

"Once a level is set, then we can plan accordingly," he explained.

Tody said monitoring of pesticide levels might hit some

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# Reds Step Up Viet Offensive

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killed, 200 were wounded in the two cities and about 80 others were missing in Tay Ninh. Some Americans were among the wounded but no American deaths were reported.

South Vietnamese spokesmen said six provincial and five district capitals were among the targets Thursday night, and that about a third of the attacks were in the Mekong Delta south of Saigon.

The night's attacks were among the most devastating of the offensive which began Feb.

23 and the heaviest since the night of March 20-21, when 60 rocket and mortar attacks were reported.

#### ENEMY NEEDED REST

During the past three weeks the shelling had dropped off to between 10 to 20 attacks a night. U.S. military analysts said earlier this week the offensive was in a lull while the enemy received replacements and supplies after suffering heavy losses.

But the American experts predicted an increase in enemy

activity this weekend and said "by then" meaning rocket and mortar.

Despite the lull in the enemy offensive in the past week, the U.S. Command's weekly summary of aircraft losses revealed today that 26 American helicopters have been lost in the past week, bringing the total for the war to 2,520. One was reported shot down in the Mekong Delta Thursday, and the loss of eight others had been explained in earlier communications during the week, but there was no explanation for the loss of the other 17.

South Vietnamese sources said more than 100 mortar rounds hit the market place, a prison and Vietnamese officers' mess is Vinh Long, a delta city 65 miles southwest of Saigon.

Initial reports said 15 persons were killed and 100 were wounded, including 96 Vietnamese civilians.

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**HARVARD MILITANTS ACT:** Demonstrators carry strike banner indicating action taken by militant protesters at Harvard University Thursday after police forcibly ejected them from University Hall in Cambridge, Mass. About 1200 students voted for the strike out of a student body of 15,000. (AP Wirephoto).

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Editorial Page

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# New Faces And Tougher Problems At City Hall

Next Monday a "new look" city commission takes over St. Joseph's municipal affairs.

Only one of its five members, Mayor Ehrenberg, has a personal link with the manner in which business has been done in the past.

Tuesday's election brought in two newcomers, Warren Gast and Atty. Richard Globensky.

The other two men, Franklin Smith and Toby Tobias, are in their third and sixth years respectively on the council.

The professional politician would rank the lineup as a freshman team and the older citizen might feel his governing body may be a bit on the go go side.

On the other hand, it is the new broom that sweeps clean and we are hopeful that the new commission will take a searching, realistic look into the prospects facing the city.

Before starting this comment, we called on the Rev. George Fisk, of the Congregational church, to sharpen our vague memory of the Old Testament situation which parallels that of St. Joseph today.

Following is a paraphrase of what he told us about the prophet, Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was an exponent of doom and gloom. He called repeatedly upon his people and their rulers to shape up lest their profligate ways soften them up for a takeover by an outsider. Nobody paid him any heed. Eventually the Babylonians overran Israel and clapped most of its inhabitants into slavery. A few generations later the Persians conquered Babylon and Cyrus, the first in a distinguished line of Persian monarchial militarists, returned the captives and their descendants to Jerusalem. The city, though, never regained the glory that was Solomon's and David's and Israel remained a geographical term until shortly after World War II.

It may be that Jeremiah failed to impress his audience because he cried wolf too frequently.

It may also be the case that his audience found his message unpalatable and decided that by turning down its hearing aid the problems forecasted by Jeremiah would disappear.

The ancient Hebrews were not the only people to fall into that temporarily comfortable trap. History is replete with civilizations which went to pieces because their peoples preferred not to face unpleasant realities.

St. Joseph is not about to go the way of olden Jerusalem or ancient Rome, but it is disturbing to know that all but a handful of its citizens regard their city hall in the exuberant optimism of Robert Browning when he penned that line, "God's in His Heaven and all's right with the world."

Financially, at least, the city government is getting to the end of its rope.

We have to admit we have been saying this off and on for at least five years and that Manager Hill's budget legerdemain has defied our Jeremiah.

Rising valuations and state aid receipts greater than Hill's underestimating in his budgets have deflated our argument; and if this rabbit can continue to be pulled from the hat every year, who can quarrel with the result?

We are, however, firm believers in the fact that even the camel must be watered and pastured every so often, and if his tummy is not replenished, his hump can not propel him forever.

The city is now at its charter limit in taxing for general purposes.

The tax base is no longer accelerating at the pace it has gone recently. And expense, basically wages, is growing feverish.

The convenient pathway through those shoals is a city income tax.

Manager Hill has been touting this proposal for the past several years.

The idea has not caught on fire and if the Tuesday countdown against it at Niles is any signal at all, its suggestion here at this time would be a suicide mission for whomever put it forth.

One alternative is to hold a line of sorts against expense.

No one can look for it to go down.

Rather the best that can be expected is to hold the increase within a livable limitation.

Or stated in another way, don't give away the city hall as was done this winter in settling the pay dispute with the firemen.

There is some leeway, legally and financially, in funneling some of the water department's earnings into the general fund. This is a matter of easing some thousands of dollars into a \$1.5 million budget rather than mining a new gold lode as such.

A third avenue, one we have advocated consistently, is to amend the charter's taxing provisions.

This 1928 municipal constitution compartments the local property tax for specified purposes. Debt service, general operations, the band, the library and trash collection each have varying millages earmarked to them.

Legally, these millages can not be shuffled around to meet a total money requirement.

The general operating millage, for example, is stretched to its limit. Yet the millage allocations for the band and trash collection which at their maximum rates would yield more revenue than those functions require, can not be applied to ease the strain on the general fund.

There may have been a reason 40 years ago when the charter was put together for this pigeon-hole financing.

If there was, it has disappeared in face of 1969's uncomfortable position.

The city is called upon to do a big job with a set of odd sized tools and for the most part, undersized ones.

For all the criticism thrown against it, the property tax is a time tested revenue producer for local government.

What it really needs is to scrape the barnacles from its administration, and in St. Joe's case be converted from a fragmented levy into a single purpose one.

Another money source is a licensing tax on all manner of business operations. This is attempting route in many towns because its political protest is in a minority. This nuisance type is unfair because it calls for a few to assume a duty of the many and experience has shown that in the long run the nuisance tax does not produce what might be expected of it.

Up to the present time no commission in St. Joseph has come to grips with this charter taxing question, nor really has there been, until the last few years have indicated a budget tension, the necessity to get to the mat with it.

Nor can those prior commissions be lambasted for not wanting to light matches close to what could be a keg of political dynamite.

At least we do not recall any cheers for our previous advocacies of the idea.

Unless, however, the St. Joseph public is agreeable to a city income tax, this charter revision must be made.

This new commission has good minds, and as successful operators in their separate callings its members must realize there is more to successful management than a dynamic personality in the front office. Capable business procedures, sound financing adequate plant and equipment are the cudgels without which even a whiz kid executive won't shine out very far.

Running a city is a business, or should be.

St. Joe's is headed for deficit financing unless its business procedures are brought up to date.



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

**GALLEN CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED**  
—1 Year Ago—  
The following have been elected as Gallen Methodist church officers: Mrs. Arthur Howel, president; Mrs. Roy Foster, vice president; and Mrs. Geraldine Goodenough, secretary-treasurer.

Also elected were Mrs. Lawrence Smith, spiritual growth chairman; Mrs. Inez Lintner, social relations chairman, and Mrs. Max Morley, missionary education.

**TEACHER RECEIVES NSA AWARD**  
—10 Years Ago—  
Gerald L. Nye, a teacher at New Buffalo high school has been named one of 50 participants in an eight-week science institute to be held at the University of Toledo this summer.

The institute is being financed by a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and is one of many in a national program designed to strengthen the academic background of science teachers and to acquaint them with the most recent developments in their fields.

**YANK PLANES BATTER REICH**  
—35 Years Ago—  
Vast fleets of perhaps 2,000 American planes swarmed down upon the Oschersleben and Ben Bernburg aircraft factories, 70 to 80 miles southwest of Berlin, today in the massive Allied campaign to cripple the German air force before the approaching invasion.

Half the planes were Flying Fortresses and Liberators. Berlin said violent air battles were precipitated, extending to the Baltic coast. The enemy said Hannover and Brunswick were among the targets and that some planes penetrated to Berlin.

**PLAN PLAY**  
—45 Years Ago—  
Next production of the Twin City Theater guild will be "The Art of Being Bored." Members also decided to take part in the Blossom week fun parade.

**OFFICER RESIGNS**  
—45 Years Ago—  
Dr. J.F. Crofton has resigned as city health officer and plans to devote all his time to private practice.

**ON THE JURY**  
—55 Years Ago—  
St. Joseph men drawn to serve on the jury for the April term of circuit court include Ewald Mielke, Robert Rahn, E. W. Kinnison, and George Pixley.

**READY FOR BUSINESS**  
—75 Years Ago—  
The U.S. Customs house for the ports of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor went into commission today. Custom Officer Platt has donned his uniform and is ready for business.

## RUTH RAMSEY Today's Grab Bag

**THE ANSWER QUICK!**

1. Is the platypus an egg-laying mammal?  
2. Do bones harden earlier in girls or boys?  
3. Body temperatures of cold blooded creatures are the same as their surroundings. True or false?  
4. What is the term for a diamond with the highest degree of purity and fineness?  
5. Who are the Morros?

**IT HAPPENED TODAY**  
On this day in 1928 Luther Burbank died.

**WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE**  
CHARILY —(CHAR-e-lee)—adverb; carefully; warily; sparingly.

**YOUR FUTURE**  
Yours is a most happy, fortunate anniversary. Today's child will be refined, idealistic, thoughtful.

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
Highest speed measured by a spider is 1.73 feet per second.

**BORN TODAY**  
The distinguished public career of Charles Evans Hughes began in 1906 when he defeated William Randolph Hearst and became governor of New York. He was re-elected in 1908 and his later years included service as secretary of state and chief justice of the Supreme Court. He was born in Glen Falls, N.Y., in 1862. At the age of 20, he entered Columbia Law School and was awarded his LL.B. degree two years later. His regime as governor was distinguished by the initiation of reforms in law and administration. By his efforts, bookmaking on the horses wound up in the same category as other forms of gambling.

President William Howard Taft appointed him an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1910 and his contributions on constitutional questions were regarded as masterly.

At the Republican National Convention in 1916, Hughes accepted the party's nomination for the presidency and he resigned from the Supreme Court. President Woodrow Wilson was re-nominated by the Democrats. The electoral vote was 277 for Wilson and 254 for Hughes.

He returned to his law practice until the inauguration of President Warren G. Harding in 1921, when he became the Secretary of State. Although his judicial impartiality fitted him admirably in handling international problems, his personality was not magnetic and he had difficulty arousing enthusiasm even in his own party.

Following four years as a member of the courts of international arbitration and justice at the Hague, he was appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court by President Herbert Hoover in 1930. He served with distinction until 1941. He died in 1948.

Others born today include Quentin Reynolds, Dean Acheson and Paul Douglas.

**IT'S BEEN SAID**  
Flatterers are the worst kind of enemies. — Caus Tacitus.

**HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?**

1. Yes.  
2. Girls.  
3. True.  
4. It's a diamond of the first water.  
5. Inhabitants of the Philippine Islands who profess the Mohammedan faith.

## DR. COLEMAN ..And Speaking Of Your Health

One of the most painful accidents that can befall the elderly is a fracture of the hip. Despite all safety campaigns these fractures continue to occur and incapacitate the elderly for months and sometimes permanently. What is particularly distressing is that in most instances these fractures are avoidable.

Carelessness almost always is the basic cause for the accidents that may require surgery for the repair of the break. Haste is unquestionably the most frequent cause in people who simply refuse to slow down and give heed to the fact that they are not as agile as they once were. Street accidents in slippery weather account for a good number of these but even more fractures occur within the supposed safe confines of the home.

A few good rules of safety might include the removal of scatter rugs on highly waxed floors. There are now anti-skid protective undercoats that help to keep the elderly steady.

Good lighting is an excellent precaution. Electric wiring that is poorly placed is a hazard. A small night light that will not interfere with sleep decreases the chance of injury during the midnight visit to the bathroom.

Stairways, especially those that do not have safety rails on both sides, invite the fractures that occur so readily in the brittle bones of people past middle age. A cane is an excellent form of additional support for men and women. Vanity must not be a factor leading to these unnecessary injuries.

Two lung conditions seem to sound alike and are frequently confused by the anxious patient, despite the fact that they are totally different. Bronchial Asthma and Asthmatic Bronchitis must never be used interchangeably.

Bronchial Asthma is a severe spasm of the bronchial tubes leading from the mouth to the lungs into which is brought the vital air and oxygen so necessary for good health. Occasionally, there is a swelling of the lining of these tubes which may interfere with the clear passageway of air. Bronchial Asthma is undoubtedly allergic in origin and frequently needs intensive study to find the nature of the offending agent. It is also an established idea that the emotions play a very significant role in both the cause of this type of asthma and the emotional overtones that accompany it.

When once the offending substance is found and eliminated there is a decrease in the frequency and severity of those attacks. With the newer drugs and cortisone, many asthmatics can be kept in comfortable control for long periods of time.

Asthmatic Bronchitis may be allergic in origin but frequently follows an acute respiratory infection. The normal expected swelling of the lining of the bronchial tubes, not unlike the swelling of the nose and the back of the throat, may cause slight wheezing and difficulty in breathing. This may resemble asthma, but usually is not. Anti-asthma drugs can control this temporary and not too disabling condition.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Jogging is excellent but don't overdo it at the very beginning.**

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

## JAY BECKER Contract Bridge

Your partner bids Two No-trump, next player passes, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠865 ♥Q63 ♦J732 ♣954  
2. ♠KJ83 ♥732 ♦AQ6 ♣Q95  
3. ♠K98543 ♥652 ♦74 ♣82  
4. ♠K62 ♥Q964 ♦J85 ♣A73  
5. ♠A74 ♥8 ♦KJ743 ♣AJ982

1. Pass. Partner's bid shows 22 to 24 points, a balanced hand, and strength in all suits. It could therefore be argued that since the combined holding was likely to contain 26 or 27 points, you should raise partner to three no-trump.

However, another factor must also be considered. Obviously partner will have trouble reaching dummy to take whatever finesses he may require. This lack of communication with dummy is apt to prove fatal even if partner has a 24-point hand. While it is true that the combined holding of 26 points usually produces a satisfactory play for game, this is rarely the case when one player holds all, or practically all, the high cards.

2. Six no-trump. This is merely a matter of arithmetic. Partner's 22 to 24 points added to our 12 bring the combined holding to 34, 35 or 36 points. Only 33 points are ordinarily required for a small slam (37 for a grand slam). It is therefore best to bid six without further ado.

3. Three spades. High-card points are of course not the only criterion in judging the probability of game. Here we have only 3 points in high cards, but the six-card suit is worth about 3 points more. We can probably win five or six tricks with spades as trumps, and our hand is therefore appraised with that in mind. If partner responds four spades, we pass; if his rebid is three no-trump, we go on to four spades.

4. Four no-trump. This bid has nothing whatever to do with Blackwood. It is simply a raise in no-trump suggesting the possibility of a slam. Partner is expected to pass with a minimum, and to go on to six with maximum values for his two no-trump bid. Holding 10 points, you can't tell whether the combined count comes to 32, 33, or 34 points.

5. Three diamonds. The 5-2-1 distribution strongly suggests a slam despite a holding of only 9 high-card points, and the intention is to eventually bid six in one of our minor suits. However, the proper trump suit must first be found and you therefore follow the usual procedure of first naming the higher-ranking of two five-card suits.

If partner's rebid is three no-trump, you bid four clubs intending to go on to a slam in whichever suit he prefers.

## BENNET CERF Try And Stop Me

From a rural district of England comes the story of a driver of a small sedan braking hastily as the tweedy mistress of the largest estate thereabouts came hurtling around a sharp bend in the narrow road in her large Rolls. Before he could say a word, she shouted "PIG!" and drove on. "Fat old cow," he cried after her in retaliation. Then he drove round the bend himself—and crashed head-on into the biggest pig he had ever seen.

"Whenever a new discovery is reported to the scientific world," observed Essayist Montaigne, "they say first, 'It probably is not true.' Thereafter, when the truth of the new proposition has been demonstrated beyond question, they say, 'Yes, it may be true, but it is not important.' Finally, when sufficient time has elapsed to fully evidence its importance, they say, 'Yes, it may be true, but it is not important.' Finally, when sufficient time has elapsed to fully evidence its importance, they say, 'Yes, surely it is important, but after all, it is no longer new!'"

**QUICKIES:**

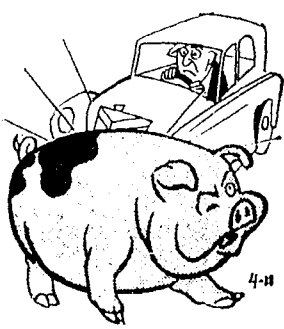
It was a wise and experienced mother who announced to the young fry at her son's birthday party, "Now remember, kids, there will be a special prize for the little boy who goes home first."

Quite a driver, that Christopher Columbus! Think of all the miles he got out of three gallons!

**Factographs**

A bushel is equivalent to 32 quarts and holds a capacity of 2,150.42 cubic inches.

A hydrogen bomb is more powerful than a bomb using than one thousand times more plutonium.



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## HOLD 2 SUSPECTS IN WAVE OF BURGLARIES



GEORGE BICANICH  
No Place To Park

### Reservists Will Hold Reunion

Members of the Naval Reserve 12th division who left Benton Harbor 28 years ago this month for World War II will meet for their annual reunion Saturday, April 19.

The date for the event, to be held at Red Coach Inn, Stevensville, was announced by the co-chairmen, Martin Peters and Al Hauwetter, both of Benton Harbor.

Reservations are due by April 16, to be made with Peters. A social hour at 7 p.m. will be followed by a dinner at 7:30. The event annually draws a strong representation of the 102 men who were called to active duty on April 17, 1941, and left here on April 22.

In line with a new military policy, the twin cities contingent was dispersed for duties at various points and not left together as a unit. Peters explained this was to avoid a catastrophe for some community in the event such a unit met a war disaster.

He said about two-thirds of the group was sent to the west coast for various duties — mostly on ships, and the remainder was dispatched to the Panama Canal Zone for duty with various shore installations.

### WMU Honors Stevensville Man

Ronald Loeffler of Stevensville is one of 17 seniors at Western Michigan university honored recently at a banquet by the WMU Marketing club. Dr. Robert B. Trader, head of the marketing department, awarded honorary certificates to the 17 senior marketing majors whose overall grade point averages exceeded 3.0 on a possible 4.0 scale.

### Parking Lot Permit Is Denied

#### Napier Residents Protest 'Creeping Commercialism'

The Benton township planning commission last night recommended denial of a permit for a parking lot next to a barber shop at 157 East Napier avenue.

The planning commission acted at the behest of residents protesting creeping commercialism along Napier. The measure now goes to the board of trustees for final action.

Approximately two dozen persons attended a public hearing last night in opposition to the special use permit. Atty. Robert Small, who presented a petition with 37 signatures, said the special use permit was "veiled commercialism."

The permit is sought by George Bicanich owner of George's barber shop. Bicanich purchased an old house at 189 East Napier next to the shop with intentions of using the lot for customer parking.

Only one person, Lloyd C. Brown, president of Battlement Drug, 151 East Napier, favored parking for the barber shop. And that was to get cars out of his parking lot.

Bicanich has space for two or three cars in front of his barber shop, but the space is shared with an income tax service and a knitting shop. That space will eventually be lost when Napier is widened.

At present, the overflow goes into the Battlement drug store parking lot at 151 East Napier, and Brown, showed interest in additional parking, mainly to get some of it out of his parking lot, he said.

Bicanich's request would have provided 13 additional parking spaces, which would still be inadequate for the use of the



**BURGLARY SUSPECTS:** Two men arrested during investigation of a wave of house burglaries in Sodus-Benton township areas are Willie Self, Jr., 24, of 182 Lake street (left) and LeRoy Taylor, 24, of 686 Vineyard street, both of Benton Harbor. They were charged with breaking and entering. (Staff photo.)

commercial corner at Napier and Colfax avenue, according to Oliver Rector, member of the planning commission.

Rector said four doctor's

offices, drug store, laundry, income tax service, knit shop and barber shop stores would presently require 107 parking spaces to meet standards for adequate parking.

At present, the shopping complex has 58 parking spaces. Rector said: 31 for the doctors' offices, 26 for the drug store, and one, two or three in front of the barber shop. Brown noted 30 per cent of these were filled by employees.

**'VEILED COMMERCIALISM'**  
Atty. Small, in presenting the petition in opposition to parking, said Bicanich should have considered the need for parking before he bought the business. The permit was veiled commercialism and should be considered as such, he added.

Several others, including William E. Naylor, 372 East Napier, also spoke out against the special permit being granted. Naylor has been trying to prevent Napier from going commercial for the past decade and asked when it will all end.

Another public hearing is set for April 24 on a proposed site at 756 East Napier. Jewel food store will build a store on the site provided it can be rezoned from D-2 light commercial, which restricts building to professional offices.

Ironically, Bicanich wouldn't have had to make a request had the planning commission ruled differently a few years ago, when the commercial-residential zoning line ran through the dining room of the house at 189 East Napier.

The planning commission adjusted the demarcation line toward Colfax avenue instead of toward the east line of the lot, which would have made the entire lot commercial.

**ZONING AMENDMENT**  
In other business last night, the planning commission recommended approval of a zoning amendment which will make the granting of special use permits mandatory for new churches, gas-oil stations and body repair shops.

At present, they can be built anywhere in the township. Several auto repair shop owners attended the public hearing on the zoning amendment with the misconception the amendment would affect their businesses. Atty. F.A. Jones explained the amendment was for new business or church groups.

### Miss Kay Zolp Is Runnerup

**PAW PAW** Miss Kay Zolp, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Zolp of 401 West Michigan avenue, Paw Paw, was named first runner-up in the Miss Paw Paw bloom queen pageant Tuesday night. A news account of the pageant erroneously listed the first runner up and her parents as having the last name of Zolp.

### More Loot Recovered In Homes

#### Further Arrests Are Expected, Authorities Say

Berrien county sheriff's detectives arrested two men last night during investigation of a wave of burglaries at homes in Benton and Sodus townships.

Three color television sets, four stereo phonographs and two typewriters also were recovered from homes in Benton Harbor and Benton township. More were expected to be recovered today.

The recovery of stolen property started Wednesday when sheriff's officers found goods valued at \$4,500. All of the articles were turned over voluntarily after police called at homes of persons who allegedly had purchased the goods.

Possession of stolen property is a crime if the holder of the property knows it is stolen.

#### TWO ARRESTED

Charged with breaking and entering were Willie Self, Jr., 24, of 182 Lake avenue, Benton Harbor, and LeRoy Taylor, 24, of 686 Vineyard street, Benton Harbor. Other arrests were expected to be made.

Self and Taylor gave their occupations as foundry employees.

Detectives said the wave of burglaries started last November. Det. Ronald Immoos said some of the operations involved placing telephone calls to residences. If no one answered, the house would be burglarized.

Meanwhile, another record player was stolen last night from the home of John D. Hubbard, 337 Michigan bluff, Benton Harbor. Police reported the loot also included four bottles of liquor and \$20 worth of meat.

Authorities advised anyone who has purchased color television set or record player from an unauthorized dealer at a low price to give full cooperation to the sheriff department.

### Man Loses Eye In Car Crash

Jimmy Don Culbreath, 21, of 2404 Irving drive, Benton Heights, lost the sight of one eye as the result of a car crashing into a wall at the Crystal Springs cemetery Wednesday night.

Culbreath, an occupant of the car, crashed his head against the windshield on the passenger side of the car, and sustained severe cuts on the forehead and eyebrow. Benton township police reported.

Police were still trying to determine today if Culbreath was the driver of the car or if a second person driving the car left the scene of the accident.

Culbreath remained in poor condition today at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital.

#### ENTERS HOSPITAL

**UNION PIER** —Sam Kahn, Union Pier, is a patient at Memorial hospital in Michigan City, Ind.

#### FILMS AVAILABLE

### Plan Safety Program For Twin City Fliers

A safety program for Twin City fliers was urged by John Bannan, chairman of the Twin City Airport board, yesterday and Edward Weisbruch, Ross field manager said he would make initial preparations.

Bannan said the safety project was not the result of a recent fatal accident at the airport but rather a program needed as the airport awaits the installation of a control tower.

Weisbruch said he would contact presidents of the various pilots organizations in the area and make available the extensive catalog of films the Federal Aviation agency has for such programs.

City Manager Leland L. Hill of St. Joseph, a member of the airport board, suggested the Twin Cities Area Safety Council would be a coordinating agency.

Weisbruch said in a report on airport operations that work has already begun on removing trees from a 20-acre section of property the Cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have purchased east of the main runway. Weisbruch said all trees over 10 feet tall will be cut down to create an unobstructed landing zone for aircraft.



**ASSISTS RECOVERY OF TV's:** Berrien county Sheriff's Deputy Jimmie L. Coburn, temporarily assigned to the sheriff's detective bureau, assisted in the recovery of color television sets and stereo record players and in the arrest of two burglary suspects. (Staff photo.)

## Won't Ask More For Model Cities

### Citizens' Steering Council Reverses Action

Officials of the Benton Harbor-Benton Township Model Cities program Thursday backed away from a proposed bid for additional planning funds through the federal anti-poverty agency.

The Citizens' Steering Council (CSC), meeting last night in the Downtowner restaurant, voted unanimously to drop the effort which it initiated Tuesday night.

#### 'ENOUGH MONEY'

At a noon session in Howard Johnson's restaurant, the program's community Progress Commission (CPC) turned thumbs down on the bid because of a time squeeze in the program and because enough money is already available for the planning work.

The CPC is the regional planning commission created by the Benton Harbor city commission and the Benton township trustee board to oversee the Model Cities program.

The citizens' council is responsible for formulating the plan for improving the 1,236-acre tract. Its members were elected by the people in the district or picked by the elected representatives after they took office.

The bid for additional funds

through the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) was initiated informally by the citizens' council after a meeting with the officials of the OEO's Tri-county Community action Program (Tri-CAP) commission, Tri-CAP covers Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Tri-CAP officials had said the money from OEO was being made available because of an agreement of cooperation between OEO and the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department which finances Model Cities programs.

Under the offer, grants of \$10,000-\$100,000 would have been available to help during the planning phase of Model cities if an application was submitted by April 30 and accepted.

The Model Cities program has already been granted \$93,000 in federal funds from HUD to carry out the \$118,000 planning phase.

#### POSSIBLE TIME WASTE

Richard Peters, chairman of the CPC, said the citizens' council decided against going after the additional funds because of the possible waste of time.

The Rev. Jake Webb, a council member, said he had helped write applications before and he doubted if much could be derived even if the April 30 filing deadline was met.

Council chairman Warren Mitchell, in proposing the funds be sought Tuesday, had said the funds would give the council a more active role in the program. He said the council did not have enough authority now.

### New Buffalo Group To Hold Coffee Hour

**NEW BUFFALO** The New Buffalo post-prom committee, chairmanned by Mrs. Elmer Keras, will sponsor a coffee hour April 19 at the Bank of Three Oaks in New Buffalo. The coffee hour will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go into funds designated for the post-prom activities for this year's junior and senior classes. (broad)



GEORGE J. DANKE

## Will Talk On Back Injuries

Industrial accidents involving back injuries will be discussed at the Industrial division meeting of the Twin Cities Area Safety council next Wednesday at Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville, at 7 p.m.

George J. Danke, manager of casualty loss prevention, Marsh & McLennan Insurance Co., Detroit, will present the problem based on his 29 years experience in safety work. He is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and Treasurer of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Lester Bodker, chairman of the Industrial division, said back injuries are by far the most expensive kind of injuries for both employees and employers. Danke will discuss laws governing amounts that a person can lift, what constitutes a back injury and what industries can do to prevent them.

### Citizens Band Radio Operators Meeting Sunday

**RIVERSIDE** Citizens Band operators and all persons interested in Citizens band radio are invited to a coffee break at the Bazar township hall Sunday at 2 p.m.

Andrew J. Thompson, president of the Tri-County Citizens Band club, and a representative of Blossomtime will speak to the group, requesting volunteers with radio equipment to assist with work on the Blossomtime Grand Floral parade. Thompson said all CB radio operators, including those are urged to attend the coffee break.



**BIG BOOST FOR BANDSTAND:** Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Altruism, pledged \$2,000 towards a new Lakefront park bandstand in St. Joseph Thursday evening during the club's 15th birthday party at Holiday Inn. The Altruism contribution pushed the bandshell fund to \$23,000. The club's gift represented the net profit from the appearance of The New Christy Minstrels, three years ago, had been set aside to await active development of some civic project. The money is given as a memorial to deceased Altruists, especially the late Miss Mary Alice Gerhard who was instrumental in the success of the Christy Minstrels appearance. From left are: Mrs. Ray Mollhagen, who was named Altruist of the year last night and Mrs. Robert White, Altruist president, William Ehrenberg, St. Joseph Mayor. The Altruist club is comprised of only 27 business and professional women in executive positions.

(Staff photo.)

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## EDUCATORS PRAISE SCHOOL FINANCING PLAN



**FIRST DONATION:** Coloma fire department kicked off local ambulance drive with \$200 donation to Coloma Emergency Ambulance, Inc. Fred Zoschke, second from left, presents check to Larry Williamson, secretary-treasurer of ambulance service. Looking on are Coloma Fire Chief Leonard Dolezan (left) and Marvin Taylor, ambulance service president. Taylor said ambulance must be obtained by next July to meet governmental regulations. (Marion Leedy photo).

### Income Tax Would Be Increased

Sponsor Of Bill  
Outlines Details  
At Niles Meeting

By TOM BRUNDRETT  
Staff Writer

NILES — A proposed statewide school financing plan which involves a 1½ per cent boost in the state's personal income tax last night was lauded by school officials and supporters.

"I'm quite excited about this plan," said Lionel Stacey, Benton Harbor high school principal who will become superintendent of the Lakeshore district in July. "While I doubt that it will be passed this year, it is the first idea thought 'through far enough to give students an equal base. It is a good basic plan."

#### LEGISLATOR SPEAKS

Stacey's reaction was typical of the 100-125 persons who attended a review of the proposal in the Niles high school auditorium. State Rep. Roy Spencer, (R-Attica) the plan's sponsor outlined the details during the session.

Stacey believes the proposal in some form might be adopted by the legislature next year. "It gives the local district the initiative on reducing property taxes and it keeps control in the local district," Stacey added.

Under the plan, the state would levy a 1.5 per cent tax on individuals' incomes in addition to the current 2.6 per cent tax. The measure also calls for a new three per cent levy on industries.

With the funds, the state would guarantee districts a minimum of \$550 per student. Another \$190 would be guaranteed depending on the millage levied over a minimum of 12.

In addition the plan would allow districts to levy a 1 to 2 per cent tax on personal income if they decreased property taxes to 15 mills or below. The tax, subject to referendum procedures, would be collected by the state and the district reimbursed at a rate of \$125 per pupil.

Edward J. Ossmann, Brandy-



**OUTLINES FINANCING PLAN:** State Rep. Roy L. Spencer, (R-Attica), left, last night outlined his proposal for reforming state school financing. It would require a 1½ per cent income tax on individuals and a three per cent tax on industries to sustain. Talking with Spencer after the program are Lionel Stacey, Benton Harbor high school principal, and State Rep. DeForrest Strang, (R-Sturgis). (Staff photo).

### Budget Exceeds \$1 Million

Berrien Springs  
School Spending  
Up \$124,000

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Springs board of education last night approved a tentative budget of \$1,089,900 which represents an increase of approximately \$124,400 over last year's budget. It is the first time the district's budget figure has surpassed the million dollar mark.

The budget must now be sent to the Berrien county Tax Allocation board for approval. Supt. Lee Auble said the budget increase includes \$22,500 for additional teachers; \$77,900 for salary increases for all school employees; \$4,000 for new equipment, and \$20,000 for increased costs due to the opening of 14 new classrooms in the fall and because of price increases in supplies.

#### NOW BEING BUILT

The 14 classrooms are now under construction. Four classrooms are being built at the lower elementary school and ten at the upper elementary school.

The board learned last night the City of David is not willing to sell its property behind the present high school to the district for a price of \$1,600 per acre, but may be willing to sell the land later at a price of \$3,000 per acre. The board had offered the price of \$1,600 per acre, an appraisal price received by Seth Atkinson of Niles. Board members said they hope some agreement can be reached.

Board members discussed the special millage election on May 6 and said they felt the public should be more informed about the need for the increased millage. Supt. Auble said if the 9.6 mills for extra operating millage is approved, the district's total millage for operating would still be lower than the 16.5 mills for operating expenses at Buchanan and the 19.5 mills at Niles.

District voters on May 6 will be asked to approve a rate of 9.6 mills for operation. This would include an increase of 4.2 mills and the renewal of a 5.4 levy which expires this year. The district has a 3.2 levy which mill levy for debt retirement. Auble said this rate may be decreased if the school district valuation is increased.

If the millage levy is approved, the total millage tax rate in the district would be 27.5 mills, including nine mills allocated from the county.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED

The board awarded contracts to three firms, McFadden Corp., Lansing, Classrooms Inc., Lansing, and Dew-El company of Holland, for classroom furniture and classroom cabinets for the 14 new classrooms. The new furniture will cost \$15,488 and the cabinets cost is \$2,480. The equipment is to be delivered by Sept. 1, 1969, when the new classrooms will be open for use.

Board members discussed the need for expanded shop and home economics classes in the junior high school. There are 54 students enrolled in the shop classes and 54 in the home economics classes. The courses offered are 12-week courses and do not give students enough time to complete large projects. The board said more teachers and equipment are needed to give the students a solid background for possible work later at the vocational-technical centers.

### New Buffalo Mail Service Issue Explained

NEW BUFFALO — Rural carrier mail service will not be available for residents of Evergreen Park subdivision until later this year, according to Mrs. Marie Pitts, New Buffalo township treasurer. Carrier service will not be available until the road serving the subdivision is opened through to another road, eliminating a dead end on the present road, she said. An earlier story said mail service would be started April 21 for residents of Oak Hill subdivision in Grand Beach and for Evergreen Park residents when mail boxes are placed correctly in front of homes. But evergreen Park mail service will not start until the connecting road is completed.

### Study Ways To Finance Library

DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac city council, in a special meeting last night, authorized the newly-formed building authority to investigate methods of financing and constructing a new public library here.

Dr. James E. Burke, Dowagiac mayor-elect, said the meeting was called only to enable the council to provide initial direction to the authority, whose members attended the session. Burke said no decisions were reached on methods of financing the library project.

The authority was created Tuesday night by the city council at its regular meeting. The three-member authority held its organizational meeting Wednesday night. This included the election of Dr. Francis Hiscock, authority chairman; Keith Carmichael, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Lou Comstock, secretary.

The authority was created to take a leading role in various capital improvement projects that may arise in Dowagiac.

### Firemen Give \$200 For Ambulance

### Community Fund Drive Is Launched At Coloma

COLOMA — The Coloma fire department this week donated \$200 toward a new ambulance, required here by next July.

The donation kicked off a community drive, aimed at securing the ambulance for Coloma Emergency Ambulance, Inc., headed by Marvin Taylor.

Taylor said the new vehicle is required to meet governmental regulations of active emergency units. Taylor said the ambulance must be secured by next July.

While seeking help for his group here, Taylor also urged Lake Michigan Beach area residents to support their ambulance service, even if they receive letters from the Coloma unit. Taylor said letters for donations are being sent to all area residents with a Coloma mailing address and some may

be received by Lake Michigan Beach residents.

#### FORMED IN 1967

The Coloma emergency ambulance service was formed in August, 1967. Taylor said donations received then provided a used ambulance, equipment, and garage space. Taylor said that since then, the service has answered 192 emergency calls or an average of 12 per month.

Taylor said there is no charge to persons served, despite expenses that include ambulance maintenance, utility bills and insurance on the vehicle and drivers. Taylor said the men are volunteers and serve without pay.



**'WORK TO BE DONE':** A. J. McDanold (standing, right) gives impromptu pep talk to presidents of four twin city area Lions club and White Cane drive chairmen on eve of the annual campaign. "You have a lot of work to do," McDanold said, "but the cause is worth it." Seated from left are club presidents Clyde Stevens of Benton Harbor, Ed Klein-

schmidt of Fairplain, David Fister of St. Joseph and Don Miller of Lakeshore. The drive chairmen (standing) are from left: Walter Slowik and David Madison of Benton Harbor; John Steffoff and Doug Orr of St. Joseph; and Gerald Howard of Lakeshore. (Staff Photo).

### WHITE CANE SALE PLANNED

### Lions Clubs 'Ready To Go'

Members of four Twin City Lions clubs made plans yesterday for their annual White Cane sale, their top fund-raising event for sight conservation programs.

District Governor A. J. McDanold of St. Joseph challenged members of the St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Fairplain and Lakeshore Lions clubs yesterday at a luncheon at Win Schulers to work on the drive "so that no blind man or woman will ever go unaided."

Sight conservation programs including tests for pre-schoolers, an eye bank, leader dog training school and a home for the blind are the main programs financed by Lions in Michigan.

McDanold said the Twin City Lions will be joined by 17,000 men "just like you fellows, all involved for the same reason," to help the blind in Michigan.

"We have an enviable record of accomplishment," McDanold said of past drives. "A lot of work will have to be done now" but

he added "we can do a job that without us would go undone." Gerald Howard of the Lakeshore Lions said his club met Wednesday night and made its plans for the drive. "We are ready to go," he said. Dave Madison of Fairplain Lions said response of members indicated their drive will be a success.

Walt Slowik said team captains have received their supplies and the Benton Harbor Lions are ready to "go to work." Doug Orr of St. Joseph said everything is ready for the drive and members are ready.

Lions sell small white canes for lapel buttons and put the funds in their sight conservation fund. The idea of white canes was born in 1930 when a movement was launched to donate white canes to the blind to assist them in crossing streets. The movement spread among Lions clubs and subsequently ordinances were passed in many states requiring vehicles to stop for a person carrying a white cane.

### Lawrence Schools To Ask Millage Increase

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### Election Planned June 9

LAWRENCE — Lawrence school district residents on June 9 will vote on the renewal of eight mills, plus an additional operating millage, yet to be determined.

The Lawrence board of education scheduled the millage issue for the annual school election in June during its regular meeting here last night. The board also reported that two posts on the board are to be filled June 9. Board President Carlyle Wassman, and Secretary Horace Hutchins, whose terms expire, announced they will not seek re-election. Wassman has served on the board since 1958, while Hutchins has served since 1961.

Nominating petitions may be obtained at the superintendent's office and must be returned by May 12.

#### HIGHER BUDGET

The board also voted to submit a proposed 1969-70 operating budget of \$477,937 to the Van Buren county tax allocation board for consideration. This is some \$47,000 higher than the current budget of \$429,991.

Superintendent Wesley Harding said the number of additional mills to be sought at the June election cannot be determined until more is known about teacher salaries next year and also how much state aid can be expected. He said the eight mills which have expired will be sought for another three years.

Harding also said that the first contract negotiation session has been scheduled for 3 p.m. next Thursday, between the administration representatives and representatives of the Lawrence Education association.

Harding also reported that an additional elementary teacher and elementary room will be needed in the near future.

An attempt at the polls last February to merge the Lawrence and Hartford school districts failed in both districts. Lawrence voters rejected the plan by a 497 to 207 margin, while Hartford district voters rejected it by a 672 to 315 margin.

#### PROM POSTPONED

In other business, the board permitted the postponement of the junior-senior prom from May 17 to May 31, because of the blossom parade in the Twin Cities. The board also reported that a 1961 bus had been purchased from the Allegan school system and will be used as a spare vehicle. Approved were bills totaling \$5,166.58.

Tabled was a request by Dan Dannis, band director, for the hiring of a vocal music teacher. Other matters tabled included the retention of a remedial teacher, pending the outcome on school finances, and a request for team teaching in the sixth grade. The latter request was

made by Mrs. Louise Nicholas, elementary principal, and Mrs. Betty Swift, an elementary teacher. The plan would use three teachers in the sixth grade classroom, with each teaching his major subject.

### Suit Asks For Mayor's Ouster

### Claims Mayer Violated New Buffalo Charter

A New Buffalo city councilman and two unsuccessful bidders for council seats in the March 10 election filed suit Thursday in Berrien circuit court claiming Mayor Albert C. Mayer is holding office unlawfully.

The plaintiffs, Councilman Joseph F. Debiak and losing candidates Edgar J. Baney and Burl Hatfield, claim Mayer owes some \$300 in city water bills and therefore holds office in violation of a city charter provision that "No person shall be eligible for any elective or appointive city office who is in default to the city."

Plaintiffs ask that Mayer be ousted from office and that Baney be declared the rightful councilman, or, in the alternative, that Mayer be ousted

and his seat declared vacant.

Last month Baney petitioned the Berrien county board of election canvassers for a recount, charging irregularities and fraud, while Councilman Debiak attempted to unseat Mayer as mayor only last Tuesday by a resolution presented to the city council.

Plaintiffs claim a 1958 New Buffalo water regulation requires a 29 per cent higher than standard charge for water sold outside the municipality, that Mayer knows this but that he "has never been billed for said 20 per cent extra charge. Further, the said Albert C. Mayer has never paid said 20 per cent extra charge."

At the city commission meeting Tuesday, Mayer said he had never been billed and further that the extra charge had never been enforced in the past.

Counsel for plaintiffs is St. Joseph Atty. Tat Parish. In an application for leave to file the suit, Parish said plaintiffs earlier this month unsuccessfully sought to have the state attorney general file suit against Mayer. The attorney general declined "for reasons of policy" on April 10.

#### VFW ANNIVERSARY

LANSING (AP) — The Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars will mark their 50th anniversary at the annual state convention June 26-29 at Lansing.



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## SCHOOL FINANCING PLAN

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State Rep. DeForrest Strang, (R-Sturgis), one of three area legislators who are targets of a petition drive calling for school financing reform, declined, however to endorse the proposal.  
Strang said the plan was one of two being considered by the House Education committee and he said he would support the best possible one. Strang's dis-

trict (42) encompasses Niles and Niles township in Berrien county as well as parts of St. Joseph and Cass counties.  
Persons sponsoring the petition drive said they planned on taking the petitions to Strang, State Rep. Don R. Pears and State Sen. Charles O. Zollar on April 23.  
Spencer said about 200 of the state's 500 school districts had reacted favorably to the proposal. He said it would eliminate the inequity in the present school formula whereby the rich districts get more than

the poorer units.  
According to Spencer, the income tax statewide would be specifically earmarked for the plan. Otherwise, he said it would fall under the percentage breakdown which is applied to the proceeds of the present income tax.  
The 10-year veteran of the legislature said the other plan before the legislature would take the control from local districts.  
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**HIGHER BUDGET**  
The board also voted to submit a proposed 1969-70 operating budget of \$477,937 to the Van Buren county tax allocation board for consideration. This is some \$47,000 higher than the current budget of \$429,991.

Superintendent Wesley Harding said the number of additional mills to be sought at the June election cannot be determined until more is known about teacher salaries next year and also how much state aid can be expected. He said the eight mills which have expired will be sought for another three years.  
Harding also said that the first contract negotiation session has been scheduled for 3 p.m. next Thursday, between the administration representatives and representatives of the Lawrence Education association.  
Harding also reported that an additional elementary teacher and elementary room will be needed in the near future.  
An attempt at the polls last February to merge the Lawrence and Hartford school districts failed in both districts. Lawrence voters rejected the plan by a 497 to 207 margin, while Hartford voters rejected it by a 672 to 315 margin.

**PROM POSTPONED**  
In other business, the board permitted the postponement of the senior prom from May 17 to May 31, because of the blossom parade in the Twin Cities. The board also reported that a 1961 bus had been purchased from the Allegan school system and will be used as a spare vehicle. Approved were bids totaling \$5,166.58.

Tablet was a request by Dan Dannis, band director, for the

hiring of a vocal music teacher. Other matters tabled included the retention of a remedial teacher, pending the outcome on school finances, and a request for team teaching in the sixth grade. The latter request was

made by Mrs. Louise Nicholas, elementary principal, and Mrs. Betty Swift, an elementary teacher. The plan would use three teachers in the sixth grade classroom, with each teaching his major subject.

## Suit Asks For Mayor's Ouster

### Claims Mayer Violated New Buffalo Charter

A New Buffalo city councilman and two unsuccessful bidders for council seats in the March 10 election filed suit Thursday in Berrien circuit court claiming Mayor Albert C. Mayer is holding office unlawfully.

The plaintiffs, Councilman Joseph F. Debiak and losing candidates Edgar J. Baney and Burl Hatfield, claim Mayer owes some \$500 in city water bills and therefore holds office in violation of a city charter provision that "No person shall be eligible for any elective or appointive city office who is in default to the city."

Plaintiffs ask that Mayer be ousted from office and that Baney be declared the rightful councilman, or, in the alternative, that Mayer be ousted

and his seat declared vacant.

Last month Baney petitioned the Berrien county board of election canvassers for a recount, charging irregularities and fraud, while Councilman Debiak attempted to unseat Mayer as mayor only last Tuesday by a resolution presented to the city council.

Plaintiffs claim a 1958 New Buffalo water regulation requires a 20 per cent higher than standard charge for water sold outside the municipality, that Mayer knows this but that he "has never been billed for said 20 per cent extra charge. Further, the said Albert C. Mayer has never paid said 20 per cent extra charge."

At the city commission meeting Tuesday, Mayer said he had never been billed and further that the extra charge had never been enforced in the past.

Counsel for plaintiffs is St. Joseph Atty. Tat Parish.  
In an application for leave to file the suit, Parish said plaintiffs earlier this month unsuccessfully sought to have the state attorney general file suit against Mayer. The attorney general declined "for reasons of policy" on April 10.

**VFW ANNIVERSARY**  
LANSING (AP) — The Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars will mark their 50th anniversary at the annual state convention June 26-29 at Lansing.

## Budget Exceeds \$1 Million

### Berrien Springs School Spending Up \$124,000

**BERRIEN SPRINGS** — The Berrien Springs board of education last night approved a tentative budget of \$1,089,900 which represents an increase of approximately \$124,400 over last year's budget. It is the first time the district's budget figure has surpassed the million dollar mark.

The budget must now be sent to the Berrien county Tax Allocation board for approval. Supt. Lee Auble said the budget increase includes \$22,500 for additional teachers; \$77,900 for salary increases for all school employees; \$4,000 for new equipment, and \$20,000 for increased costs due to the opening of 14 new classrooms in the fall and because of price increases in supplies.

#### NOW BEING BUILT

The 14 classrooms are now under construction. Four classrooms are being built at the lower elementary school and ten at the upper elementary school.

The board learned last night the City of David is not willing to sell its property behind the present high school to the district for a price of \$1,600 per acre, but may be willing to sell the land later at a price of \$3,000 per acre. The board had offered the price of \$1,600 per acre, an appraisal price received by Seth Atkinson of Niles. Board members said they hope some agreement can be reached.

Board members discussed the special millage election on May 6 and said they felt the public should be more informed about the need for the increased millage. Supt. Auble said if the 9.6 mills for extra operating millage is approved, the district's total millage for operating would be 12.8. He said this figure would still be lower than the 16.5 mills for operating expenses at Buchanan and the 19.5 mills at Niles.

District voters on May 6 will be asked to approve a rate of 9.6 mills for operation. This would include an increase of 4.2 mills and the renewal of a 5.4 levy which expires this year. The district has a 3.2 levy which mill levy for debt retirement. Auble said this rate may be decreased if the school district valuation is increased.

If the millage levy is approved, the total millage tax rate in the district would be 27.5 mills, including nine mills allocated from the county.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED

The board awarded contracts to three firms, McFadden Corp., Lansing, Classrooms Inc., Lansing, and Dew-El company of Holland, for classroom furniture and classroom cabinets for the 14 new classrooms. The new furniture will cost \$15,488 and the cabinets cost is \$2,480. The equipment is to be delivered by Sept. 1, 1969, when the new classrooms will be open for use.

Board members discussed the need for expanded shop and home economics classes in the junior high school. There are 54 students enrolled in the shop classes and 54 in the home economics classes. The courses offered are 12-week courses and do not give students enough time to complete large projects. The board said more teachers and equipment are needed to give the students a solid background for possible work later at the vocational - technical centers.

## New Buffalo Mail Service Issue Explained

**NEW BUFFALO** — Rural carrier mail service will not be available for residents of Evergreen Park subdivision until later this year, according to Mrs. Marie Pitts, New Buffalo township treasurer. Carrier service will not be available until the road serving the subdivision is opened through to another road, eliminating a dead end on the present road, she said. An earlier story said mail service would be started April 21 for residents of Oak Hill subdivision in Grand Beach and for Evergreen Park residents when mail boxes are placed correctly in front of homes. But evergreen Park mail service will not start until the connecting road is completed.